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Development of Tourist Infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh

2678. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to develop tourist infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh to attract domestic and foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, the number of foreign as well as domestic tourist who arrived in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist infrastructure is primarily undertaken by State Government/U.T. Administrations. Department of tourism, Government of India, however provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. Last year 17 projects with Central component of Rs. 691.79 lakhs were sanctioned far Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Details of estimated foreign and domestic tourist arrivals in Himachal Pradesh from 1997 to 1999 are as under:

Year	Foreign Tourists	Domestic Tourists
1997	62,527	38,30,420
1998	75,206	41,80,366
1999	91,445	43,52863

Development of tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh

2679. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme to promote and develop tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and